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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST: FRENCH VIEWS NOVEMBER 2

1. QUAI MIDDLE EAST DEPUTY DIRECTOR ROUILLON TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 2 THAT EC NINE CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST ARE DEFINITELY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS DURING FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING NOVEMBER 5-6. ROUILLON, WHO WILL ATTEND, SAID GOF WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT ANY EC NINE STATEMENT MUST CONTAIN AN EXPRESSION OF WESTERN EUROPE'S INDEPENDENT POSITION ON SUBSTANTIVE ME ISSUES. PARIS WILL VETO ANY EC NINE COMMUNIQUE WHICH SIMPLY ENDORSES ACTIONS OR DECISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN ELSEWHERE. IN FACT, GOF BELIEVES THAT EC NINE CAN MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO UNLOCKING ME STALEMATE IN ORDER PROMOTE OVERALL SETTLEMENT. HE INDICATED GOF IS STILL PUSHING CONFIDENTIAL

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EC MIDEAST PAPER ADOPTED MAY 1971 BY SIX EC FON MINS AND

PUBLISHED IN DIE WELT JULY 14, 1971 (BONN 8665, JULY 15, 1971); PARIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO SEE THIS EC-SIX STATEMENT ADOPTED BY EC-NINE.

2. ROUILLON ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CAIRO'S WILLINGNESS TO START NEGOTIATING EVEN BEFORE RECEVING GUARANTEES THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM "THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" WILL BE FINAL RESULT OF THIS PROCESS. QUAI CONCLUDES THAT THIS DEMONSTRATES UNEXPECTEDLY CONCILIATORY POSITION ON PART OF EGYPT. THEY BELIEVE THAT IF ISRAELIS COULD RESPOND TO THIS BY INDICATING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NONACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE, THEN THERE WOULD BE PROSPECT OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

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